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SUBJ/TRICARE RESERVE SELECT (TRS) PROGRAM//

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NARR/REF A IS TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE. REF B IS COMNAVRESFORINST 1001.5E, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE DRILLING RESERVE AND PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE. REF C IS COMNAVRESFORNOTE 1001, FISCAL YEAR 2005 (FY05) FORCE POLICY EXECUTION GUIDANCE. REF D IS COMNAVRESFORCOMNOTE 5400, FISCAL YEAR 2006 (FY06) NATIONAL COMMAND AND SENIOR OFFICER (06/05) NON-COMMAND BILLET SCREENING AND ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES.//

RMKS/1. THIS ALNAVRESFOR IMPLEMENTS THE TRICARE RESERVE SELECT (TRS) PROGRAM WITHIN THE NAVAL RESERVE PER REF A (SECTION 1076D). THIS MESSAGE ALSO INCLUDES MANPOWER AND ASSIGNMENT POLICIES THAT SUPPORT TRS IMPLEMENTATION. THE TRS PROGRAM PROVIDES CERTAIN RESERVISTS WHO COMMIT TO CONTINUED SERVICE IN THE SELECTED RESERVE, AND THEIR FAMILIES, A PREMIUM-BASED TRICARE HEALTH CARE PLAN SIMILAR TO TRICARE STANDARD COVERAGE. ACTIVE DUTY FAMILY MEMBER DEDUCTIBLES AND COST SHARES APPLY TO TRS MEMBERS AND THEIR COVERED FAMILY MEMBERS. SELRES MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRS PROGRAM MAY PURCHASE TRS SELF-ONLY OR TRS SELF AND FAMILY MEDICAL COVERAGE. 2. IMPROPER ADMINISTRATION OF TRS AND RELATED MANPOWER POLICIES COULD HAVE MAJOR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, SO ALL NAVY RESERVE FORCE PERSONNEL WHO ADMINISTER SELECTED RESERVE BENEFITS SHOULD READ AND FOLLOW THIS ALNAVRESFOR IN ITS ENTIRETY. PENDING PUBLICATION OF A REVISION TO REFS B AND C, CNRFC ISSUES THE FOLLOWING INTERIM GUIDANCE.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

A. MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS CALLED OR ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 30 DAYS ON OR AFTER 11 SEPTEMBER 2001, IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION AS DEFINED IN REF A (SECTION 101(a)(13)(B)) AND SERVED CONTINUOUSLY ON ACTIVE DUTY, VOLUNTARILY OR INVOLUNTARILY, FOR 90 DAYS OR MORE WHO COMMIT TO CONTINUED SERVICE IN THE SELECTED RESERVE. THIS INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS IN THE SELECTED RESERVE OR IRR ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR ANY GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR OPERATION.

B. MEMBERS CALLED OR ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 30 DAYS BUT SERVED LESS THAN 90 CONTINUOUS DAYS DUE TO AN INJURY, ILLNESS OR DISEASE INCURRED OR AGGRAVATED WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHO COMMIT TO CONTINUED SERVICE IN THE SELECTED RESERVE. IN SUCH CASES, THE MEMBER, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, ARE ENTITLED TO ONE WHOLE YEAR OF TRS COVERAGE.

C. ALTHOUGH MEMBERS MAY NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED OBLIGATED SERVICE AT THE TIME OF ELECTING TRS PARTICIPATION, AN AGREEMENT TO REENLIST OR EXTEND CURRENT ENLISTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED WHEN COMPLETING THE PRELIMINARY SERVICE AGREEMENT DURING DEMOBILIZATION PROCESSING.

D. MEMBERS MUST BE SERVING IN A SELECTED RESERVE (DRILL PAY) STATUS ON THE FIRST DAY OF COVERAGE FOR TRS AND MUST REMAIN IN A DRILL PAY STATUS TO RETAIN TRS BENEFITS. MEMBERS WILL LOSE TRS BENEFITS ANY

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TIME THEY ARE TRANSFERRED TO A NON-PAY STATUS (INCLUDING VTU), EVEN OR ONE DAY.

. MEMBERS WHO DECLINE BENEFITS DURING THE DEMOBILIZATION PROCESS WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO SUBSEQUENTLY REQUEST BENEFITS UNLESS THEY ESTABLISH A SUBSEQUENT PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY AS DEFINED IN PARA 3.A R 3.B.

. ASSIGNMENT/MANPOWER POLICIES:

. IT IS STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT TRS IS A BENEFIT, NOT A RIGHT. THE GOVERNMENT'S SIGNING OF THE DD FORM 2895 DOES NOT GUARANTEE ELECTED RESERVE (DRILL PAY) STATUS FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS LISTED IN THE INTENT FORM. MEMBERS MUST CONTINUE TO MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTED RESERVE STATUS. PER REF C, CNRFC WILL AFFORD DEMOBILIZED RESERVISTS THE BEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DRILL PAY ASSIGNMENT. MEMBERS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR RETURN TO SELRES STATUS AFTER RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY, I.E. HIGH YEAR TENURE, OVER AGE 60 AND/OR 30 YEARS COMMISSIONED SERVICE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TRS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, UNLESS THEY HOLD A HYT OR OVER AGE 60 WAIVER FROM BUPERS.

3. MEMBERS MOBILIZED FROM THE IRR, INCLUDING THE VTU, WHO HAVE ELECTED TRS AND DESIRE TO JOIN THE SELECTED RESERVE WILL BE GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION FOR ACCESSION INTO THE SELECTED RESERVE WHICH MAY INCLUDE RATE CONVERSION. DEMOBILIZATION RETURN POLICY GUIDANCE IS FOUND IN REF C, SECTION II. MEMBERS WHO CANNOT BE ACCESSED IN THE NAVY RESERVE, IF THEY DESIRE, WILL BE REFERRED TO ANOTHER SERVICE RECRUITER.

C. PER REF D, 05/06 MOBILIZED OFFICERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE APPLY PROCESS IF THEY DESIRE TO STAY IN A PAY BILLET. THE APPLY WEBSITE IS LOCATED ON THE PRIVATE SIDE OF CNRFC WEBSITE AT [HTTPS:\(DOUBLE SLASH\)RESERVES.NAVY.MIL](https://double-slash-reserves.navy.mil) IN BOTH THE HOT TOPICS SECTION OR THE N1 TAB. IF MOB CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT SOMEONE FROM SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION THROUGH APPLY, CNRFC WILL WORK WITH THOSE PERSONNEL. CNRFC WILL ALSO WORK WITH THOSE PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT SELECTED FOR A PAY BILLET ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

D. NRAS MUST CLOSELY MONITOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN TRS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERSONNEL WHO BECOME HYT, OVER AGE 60, ACQUIRE 30 YEARS COMMISSIONED SERVICE, 05/06 NOT SELECTED FOR AN APPLY BILLET AND PERSONNEL REQUESTING TRANSFER TO THE VTU/IRR, BEFORE TRANSFERRING A TRS ENROLLED MEMBER TO THE IRR OR VTU, NRAS MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE. NOTIFICATION WILL INCLUDE THE EXPLANATION AND A POC. EXAMPLE "YOU ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE VTU DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY PARTICIPATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION PROCESSING WILL BE INITIATED. TRANSFER TO THE IRR WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR TRS BENEFIT." FOR UNSATISFACTORY PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDE A COPY OF THE MEMBER'S SATISFACTORY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS/RECORD OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES (NAVRES 1570/2).

E. IF A MEMBER IS TRANSFERRED TO A NON-PAY STATUS DUE TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR, THE COMMAND MUST IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE CHAIN OF COMMAND VIA EMAIL UP TO THE ECHELON III LEVEL.

5. TRS PERIOD OF COVERAGE:

A. MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, ARE ENTITLED TO ONE WHOLE YEAR OF TRICARE STANDARD COVERAGE FOR EVERY 90 DAYS SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY. EXAMPLE: MEMBER WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR 1 YEAR IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOUR WHOLE YEARS OF TRS COVERAGE.

B. MEMBERS WHO SERVE LESS THAN 90 DAYS (PER PARA 3.B ABOVE), AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE WHOLE YEAR OF TRS BENEFITS.

6. TRS PROGRAM EFFECTIVE DATE: THE EARLIEST EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE FOR TRS IS 26 APRIL 2005. HOWEVER, BASED ON THE MEMBER'S RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY DATE, COVERAGE WILL BEGIN AS LISTED BELOW:

A. FOR MEMBERS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AFTER 26 APRIL 2005, THE PERIOD OF COVERAGE WILL BEGIN AT THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TRANSITION ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TAMP) PERIOD. HOWEVER THE PREMIUM MUST BE INITIATED BY THE 120TH DAY AFTER RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF TAMP).

B. FOR MEMBERS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON OR BEFORE 26 APRIL 2005, THE PERIOD OF COVERAGE WILL BEGIN ON THE DATE OF THEIR AGREEMENT TO SERVE IN THE SELECTED RESERVE, THE EXPIRATION OF TAMP OR 26 APRIL 2005, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

7. ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES:

A. MEMBERS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON, OR BEFORE, 26 APRIL 2005:

(1) DMDC WILL NOTIFY ELIGIBLE MEMBERS (VTU AND IRR INCLUDED) VIA LETTER CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRS PROGRAM AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. MEMBERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PRELIMINARY SERVICE AGREEMENT.

(2) MEMBERS WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRS PROGRAM MUST COMPLETE THEIR "AGREEMENT TO SERVE IN THE SELECTED RESERVE FOR TRICARE RESERVE SELECT" DD FORM 2895, ENROLLMENT FORM AND BE SERVING IN A SELECTED RESERVE STATUS NO LATER THAN 28 OCTOBER 2005.

(3) MEMBERS SERVING IN A SELRES STATUS AND DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR NRA PERSONNEL OFFICER TO INITIATE TRS BENEFITS. PROCEED TO PARA 7.C BELOW.

(4) MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE VTU AND IRR WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TRS BENEFITS AND WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRS PROGRAM SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL NAVY RESERVE RECRUITER FOR POSSIBLE NAVY RESERVE ACCESSION.

(A) MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR ACCESSION WILL BE ACCESSED VIA THE LOCAL NAVY RECRUITER AND THE COMPLETED ACCESSION PACKAGE DELIVERED TO THE LOCAL NRA PERSONNEL OFFICER, WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS, FOR GAIN COMPLETION. ONCE GAIN IS COMPLETED IN NSIPS (NRA VERIFY NSIPS FEEDBACK REPORT), MEMBER IS NOW IN A SELRES STATUS AND ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE TRS PROGRAM. PROCEED TO PARA 7.C BELOW.

(B) MEMBERS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A NAVY RESERVE ACCESSION WILL, IF DESIRED, BE REFERRED TO ONE OF THE OTHER SERVICES' RESERVE COMPONENT RECRUITERS FOR POSSIBLE ACCESSION IN THEIR RESERVE COMPONENT.

B. MEMBERS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON, OR AFTER, 27 APRIL 2005:

(1) DURING DEMOBILIZATION PROCESSING AT THE NMPS SITE, MEMBERS WILL BE COUNSELED BY THE NMPS MTF HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR ON THE TRS PROGRAM.

(2) WHILE AT THE NMPS SITE, MEMBERS WILL THEN LOG ONTO THE DMDC WEBSITE AT HTTP:DOUBLE SLASH/WWW.DMDC.OSD.MIL FROM ANY INTERNET-CAPABLE COMPUTER AND ELECT WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE OR DECLINE THE TRS PROGRAM BY COMPLETING THE PRELIMINARY SERVICE AGREEMENT. ONCE THE FORM IS COMPLETED, THE MEMBER WILL PRINT A COPY

FOR THE DESIGNATED NMPS POC TO REVIEW FOR COMPLETENESS.

(3) MEMBERS MOBILIZED FROM THE SELECTED RESERVE WILL REPORT TO THEIR NRA WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DEMOBILIZATION PER REF C.

C. NRA PERSONNEL OFFICER (NRA TRS PROGRAM COORDINATOR) WILL:

(1) COMPLETE CHECK-IN FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN NSIPS. NRAS SUPPORTED BY A PSD MUST ENSURE CHECK-IN IS COMPLETED BY PSD WITHIN 5 DAYS.

(2) LOG ONTO THE DMDC WEBSITE TO ENSURE MEMBER COMPLETED THE PRELIMINARY SERVICE AGREEMENT DURING DEMOBILIZATION AND ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRS PROGRAM.

(3) VERIFY MEMBER WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY PER REF A (SECTION 101(a)(13)(B)).

(4) ASSIST MEMBER WITH LOG INTO DMDC WEBSITE TO COMPLETE THE "COMMITMENT" AND "ENROLLMENT" FORMS (FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED 60 DAYS PRIOR TO END OF THE 180-DAY PERIOD OF TRANSITIONAL HEALTH

CARE, UNDER THE TAMP).

(5) LOG INTO DMDC WEBSITE TO COMPLETE COMMITMENT FORM FOR NRA CO SIGNATURE. LOG-IN TO DMDC WEBSITE BY THE NRA PERSONNEL OFFICER TRIGGERS DMDC TO INITIATE TRS PROGRAM.

(6) WILL RETAIN COPY OF DD FORM 2895 "COMMITMENT" AND "ENROLLMENT" FORMS FOR COMMAND RECORDS, PLACE A COPY IN MEMBER'S PAY RECORD, FORWARD COPY OF THE COMMITMENT FORM TO BUPERS FOR SVC RECORD ENTRY AND PROVIDE COPY TO MEMBER. MAIL ORIGINAL ENROLLMENT FORM TO THE TRICARE REGIONAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE MEMBER'S AREA. CONTRACTOR LISTING/AREA MAP IS LOCATED WWW.TRICARE.OSD.MIL.

(7) MAINTAIN LOG OF PERSONNEL ENROLLED IN THE TRS PROGRAM TO ENSURE PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT INADVERTANTLY/INCORRECTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE VTU/IRR. CURRENT LAW SPECIFICALLY STATES MEMBERS TRANSFERRED FROM A SELRES STATUS FOR EVEN ONE DAY LOSE THEIR TRS BENEFITS.

8. PROGRAM TERMINATION:

A. MEMBER IS TRANSFERRED/LOST FROM SELRES STATUS (FOR EVEN ONE DAY).

B. MEMBER FAILS TO PAY MONTHLY PREMIUMS,

C. MEMBER DISENROLLS OR NO LONGER QUALIFIES FOR TRS COVERAGE,

9. REQUALIFICATION FOR TRS BENEFITS. IF MEMBER IS TERMINATED FROM THE TRS PROGRAM FOR ANY REASON, THEY CAN ONLY REQUALIFY PER PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE.

10. TRS COVERAGE AND PREMIUM CHARGES ARE SUSPENDED BY ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY HEALTH BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS SUBSEQUENTLY RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY, BY ANY PERIOD OF PRE-MOBILIZATION EARLY TRICARE COVERAGE (BASED ON DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS) OR BY ANY TAMP COVERAGE. TRS BENEFITS WILL RESUME AFTER EXPIRATION OF ACTIVE DUTY BENEFITS, PRE-MOBILIZATION COVERAGE AND ANY TAMP COVERAGE. SUSPENSION DOES NOT EXTEND THE ORIGINAL PERIOD OF TRS COVERAGE.

11. PREMIUMS:

A. THE PREMIUMS FOR CALENDAR YER 2005 ARE:

(1) SELF-ONLY COVERAGE: \$75 MONTHLY (\$900 ANNUALLY).

(2) SELF AND FAMILY COVERAGE: \$233 MONTHLY (\$2,796 ANNUALLY).

B. MEMBERS MAKE MONTHLY PREMIUM PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE APPLICABLE TRICARE REGIONAL CONTRACTOR.

C. PREMIUMS ARE BASED ON THE ANNUAL PREMIUMS FOR THE BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD STANDARD SERVICE BENEFIT PLAN UNDER THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM. THEY WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY AND ADJUSTED TO REFLECT ANNUAL CHANGES IN BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PREMIUMS AND THE COST OF ADMINISTERING THE TRICARE RESERVE SELECT PROGRAM.

12. CNRFC (N1C2) PROVIDED A SPREADSHEET TO ALL ECHELON IV COMMANDS FOR CONSOLIDATED INPUT OF THEIR ECHELON V TRS PROGRAM COORDINATORS (PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE). THE ROSTER WAS PROVIDED TO DMDC TO CREATE ACCOUNTS FOR PROGRAM COORDINATORS TO ACCESS THE DMDC WEBSITE TO COMPLETE REQUIRED FORMS AND INITIATE TRS BENEFITS. NRAS WILL PROVIDE UPDATES TO CNRFC N11 AS PERSONNEL ROTATE/TRANSFER.

13. POC FOR TRS PROGRAM BENEFIT PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION IS PN1 VICTOR BURGOS (N11) AT (504)678-6053 OR EMAIL VICTOR.BURGOS@NAVY.MIL. POCS FOR TRS MANPOWER POLICY ARE LCDR JAMI MASON AT (504)678-4240 OR EMAIL JAMI.MASON@NAVY.MIL AND YNC(SW) TERRY RAYMER AT (504)678-4051 OR EMAIL CHARLES.RAYMER@NAVY.MIL. FOR ADDITIONAL TRS INFORMATION LOG ON TO THE TRS WEBSITE: WWW.TRICARE.OSD.MIL/RESERVE/RESERVESELECT.//

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